to remove bottlenecks in setting up of ethanol projects, to simplify excise procedures and to reduce State levies on sale, import/export of ethanol.

Supply of underweight gas cylinders.

2961. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL, GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some gas agencies are supplying underweight gas cylinders to the consumers and a number of complaints have been submitted in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof giving names of the agencies against whom complaints have been received; and

(c) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have received 88 established complaints relating to supply of underweight cylinders against their distributors during the year 2002-2003 and April-June, 2003. OMCs have taken necessary action against the erring distributors on the establishment of complaint in terms of Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG), 2001.

Sale of underweight petrol by petrol pumps

†2962. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that petrol pumps sell underweight quantity of oil to customers;

(b) if so, the action taken against the petrol pump owners so far; and

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated with a view to providing full quantity of oil to customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.